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SUBJECT: "ESTIA" CANARD STIRS SMALL RIPPLE IN CYPRUS

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1. VERY LITTLE ATTENTION HERE TO "ESTIA" STORIES RE NEFARIOUS US-UK PLAN. ONLY GRIVASITE "ETHNIKI" AND INDEPENDENT "ELEFThERIA" HAVE PRINTED ORIGINAL "ESTIA" AND "TO VIMA" STORIES. RIGHT-WING ESEA MOVEMENT REFERRED TO "ESTIA" REPORTS IN AUGUST 30 DECLARATION NOTING THAT, IF TRUE, PAPADOPOULOS IS "EXPOSED" IN EYES OF PATRIOTIC CYPRIOTS AND GREEK NATION.

2. AUGUST 30 "ELEFThERIA" TIES TOGETHER IN LOOSE FASHION "ESTIA" CLAIMS AND RECENT DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY FOR CONSULTATIONS, NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR COULD DO GREAT SERVICE TO US AND CYPRUS BY TELLING WASHINGTON THAT PLAN "AS PUBLISHED" BY "ESTIA" IS REJECTED BY CYPRUS PEOPLE.

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3. ONLY ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS, WE ARE GIVING A LOW-KEY ANSWER

SIMPLY DENYING EXISTENCE ANY SUCH PLAN. UK HICOMM IF
ASKED WILL SAY THAT AMBASSADOR HOOPER PAID NORMAL CALL ON
PAPADOPOULOS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR LEAVE BUT THAT CONTENT THIS
MEETING, IN ACCORD NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE, WILL NOT BE
DISCLOSED.

4. "ETHNIKI" HAS OBVIOUS AXE TO GRIND IN CLAIMING FOREIGN
POWERS HAVE INDUCED "NATIONAL CENTER" INTO IMPUGNING GRIVAS'
CURRENT EFFORTS ON CYPRUS.
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